

Troopers Arrest Two Teens Following Armed Robbery



Mayhew Watson, III



Jowan Whitley

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New Castle, DE- Delaware State Police have arrested two 17 year olds after they robbed a pair of juveniles of their bikes last night in New Castle.

The incident began at approximately 8:50 p.m. last night, Tuesday, July 19, 2016, as two 14 year old male subjects responded to the Dollar Tree, located at 1230 S. DuPont Highway, New Castle. The two teens then left the bikes that they had been riding on the sidewalk in front of the store and entered the business. A short time later, the teens exited the store and found that their bikes where now missing. They were then contacted by a passing witness who advised that their bikes had been taken by two subjects who were currently riding them through the parking lot. One of the victims then observed the suspects on the bikes and began to chase them. As the suspects reached the area of Rt. 13, one of them, later

identified as Mayhew D. Watson, III, 17, of Wilmington, stopped the bike that he was riding, pulled a handgun from his waistband, and pointed it at the victim. The victim then turned and fled on foot. The victims then contacted 9-1-1 and provided a description of the suspects and their bikes to the call taker. The victims were not injured.

A short time later a responding trooper observed the two suspects riding the stolen bikes in the parking lot of the Wal-Mart located at 117 Wilton Boulevard, New Castle. Mayhew D. Watson (white tank top), and Jowan Whitley, 17, of Wilmington (grey t-shirt), were both taken into custody without incident. The stolen bikes were returned to the victims.

Mayhew Watson and Jowan Whitley were transported to Troop 2 where they were each charged with Robbery 1st Degree, Conspiracy 2nd Degree, and Theft. Watson was arraigned at JP Court 11 and committed to the New Castle County Detention Center for lack of \$63,000.00 cash bond. Jowan Whitley was also arraigned at JP Court 11. He was then released on \$12,500.00 unsecured bond.

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